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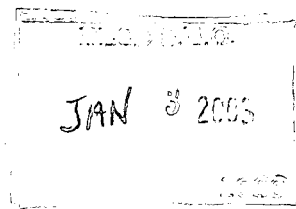
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Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
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450 Fifth Street, NW
Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, LACLEDE CAPITAL TRUST I, % Trust Originated Preferred Securities (and the Guarantee with respect thereto) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on January 3, 2003. Tentative listing date - January 7, 2003.

Sincerely,

Paras Madho

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